IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. An identifier indicating the status of each claim is provided.

Listing of Claims:

1.   (Currently Amended)   A speech recognition apparatus in which a score reflecting an acoustic likelihood of the results of speech recognition of an input speech is calculated and in which the speech is recognized based on the score, comprising:

extraction means for extracting characteristic values of said input speech, the input speech comprising a plurality of input words;

selection means for selecting one or more first words from the plurality of input words to be processed by speech recognition processing, based on a first measure calculated using said characteristic values, and for selecting one or more second words from the plurality of input words based on a second measure different from said first measure;

score calculation means for calculating said score of a concatenation of said first and second words selected by said selection means; and

finalizing means for finalizing a word string, as the recognition result of said speech, based on said score.

2.   (Currently Amended)   The speech recognition apparatus according to claim 1 wherein said selection means selects, as said second words, the input words having a number of phonemes satisfying a pre-set condition, with the number of phonemes as said second measure.

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3. (Currently Amended)   The speech recognition apparatus according to claim 1 wherein said selection means selects, as said second words, the input words having a part of speech satisfying a pre-set condition, with the part of speech as said second measure.

4. (Currently Amended)   The speech recognition apparatus according to claim 1 wherein said selection means selects, as said second words, the input words having a linguistic likelihood satisfying a pre-set condition, with the linguistic likelihood as said second measure.

5. (Currently Amended)   The speech recognition apparatus according to claim 1 further comprising:

storage means for memorizing the results of speech recognition;

wherein said selection means selects, as said second words, the input words included in the results of speech recognition memorized in said storage means, with a stored state in said storage means as said second measure.

6. (Original)   The speech recognition apparatus according to claim 5 further comprising:

inputting means for providing an input for correcting the results of speech recognition;

wherein said storage means stores the results of the speech recognition corrected by the input from said inputting means.

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7. (Original)   The speech recognition apparatus according to claim 1 wherein

said selection means calculates said score using characteristic values of the speech to select said

first word based on said score.

8. (Currently Amended)   A speech recognition method in which a score

reflecting an acoustic likelihood of the results of speech recognition of an input speech is

calculated and in which the speech is recognized based on the score, comprising:

an extraction step of extracting characteristic values of said input speech, said input

speech comprising a plurality of input words;

a selection step of selecting one or more first words from the plurality of input words to

be processed by speech recognition processing, based on a first measure calculated using said

characteristic values, and for selecting one or more second words from the input plurality of

words based on a second measure different from said first measure;

a score calculation step of calculating said score of a concatenation of said first and

second words selected by said selection step; and

a finalizing step of finalizing a word string, as the recognition result of said speech, based

on said score.

9. (Currently Amended)   A recording medium having recorded thereon a

program for causing a computer to perform speech recognition processing in which a score

reflecting an acoustic likelihood of the results of speech recognition of an input speech is

calculated and in which the speech is recognized based on the score, comprising:

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an extraction step of extracting characteristic values of said input speech, said input speech comprising a plurality of input words;

a selection step of selecting one or more first words from the plurality of input words to be processed by speech recognition processing, based on a first measure calculated using said characteristic values, and for selecting one or more second words from the plurality of input words based on a second measure different from said first measure;

a score calculation step of calculating said score of a concatenation of said first and second words selected by said selection step; and

a finalizing step of finalizing a word string, as the recognition result of said speech, based on said score.